

Edward Livingston to Andrew Jackson, June 22, 1835, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

EDWARD LIVINGSTON TO JACKSON.

Private

Frigate *Constitution* , off Sandy Hook, June 22, 1835.

My Dear General, Our very boisterous and long voyage is now nearly ended and in a few days I hope to have the pleasure of presenting myself to you with a more particular account of my Mission than my official despatches have afforded. I now forward the last to the Department. it contains a copy of the Note I delivered to the Duc de Broglie¹ a day or two before my departure together with some explanations of the circumstances under which it was written. In making this final appeal to the justice of the french Government I had this motive in addition to those detailed in my despatch. I was apprehensive of the use which our opposition

1 The Due de Broglie, French minister of foreign affairs.

sition would make of the condition annexed to the law, and I wished to counteract their views by showing that you had Done every thing to avoid a rupture that the most moderate counsels could suggest, while at the same time not the slightest sacrifice was made of national dignity and every attention paid to the interest of our fellow citizens. I confess my Dear General that I shall feel very anxious until I learn that in performing this delicate and difficult task I have merited your approbation. Whether this will produce any effect in France is uncertain. The Ministry will not communicate it to the Chamber of Peers unless they should find in it an expedient to retrace their inconsiderate step in adhering

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to the amendment.2 they may in that case induce that house to declare the condition unnecessary. an intimation of this course was obtained in one of the Opposition papers, but I do not think it will be followed. They evidently rely on our opposition to procure some concession from the Legislature which I think they must by this time despair of obtaining from you. . . .

2 By which the payment of the indemnity for French Spoliation Claims, stipulated by the treaty, was made conditional upon explanation of passages critical of France in Jackson's message to Congress.